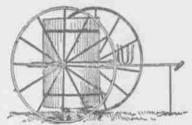
#### FARM CONVENIENCES.

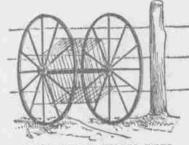
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Don't throw away any old wheels; they can be put to as good use, sometimes, as they were on the vehicles on which they were bought. The illustrations herewith show how wheels may



BARREL WHEELBARROW.

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FENCE WIRE WHEEL-REEL

wheelbarrows. A heavier load can be carried. Fig. 2, the wheel reel for fence wire, is made by taking two wheels of a light wagon attached to their axle. Place four pieces of board through the wheels at regular intervals and wire to the felloes. It makes a large and convenient wire or cordage reel. These conveniences can be made during early spring so as to be ready for the first outdoor work,-Farm and Home.

#### TILLAGE OF CROPS.

Deep Working Is Said to Serve No Good Purpose Whatever.

All tillage of crops should be shallow. The time to go deep is when the ground is plowed in the full. Deep tillage of a growing crop serves no good purpose whatever, while it is very injurious to the plants. It is folly to move the soil in which the roots of a plant are growing unless it is desired to check the growth of the plant. What is needed is intelligent shallow tillage. After every rain the crust that forms on the surface must be broken up, and any implement that runs one or two inches deep will accomplish that purpose. During a drought the surface of the soil gradually packs and forms a crust, and hence surface or shallow cultivation is as necessary as after a shower. Shallow cultivation will destroy weeds quite as effectively as deep, while it can be done with less than a fourth of the labor. The time to destroy weeds is just when they appear above the surface. Thorough tillage includes the destruction of all weeds as soon as they appear. Neither weeds nor grass of any sort should be allowed to rob the soil of one atom of its fertility. This involves watchfulness and labor, but not hard labor if the right kind of tools are used and used in time.

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Plan to grow more grass and clover. Study the requirements of the soil is well as of the market.

Select the crops with respect to their adaptability to the farm.

It is not only an item to increase quantity but to improve the quality of the crops.

Colts should be trained to walk fast before attempting to improve them in any other guit.

On the farm, as in any other line of business, it is an item to save labor and economize time.

Manure adds to the productiveness of land as soon as it is applied, but all of the substances will not be used up in one season.

The farm products should be put in the form in which they will bring the most money and yet leave the farm in the most productive condition.

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Continuous cropping without malling an adequate return to the soil impoverishes the land and in the end will leave an unproductive farm on which to make a living.-Farmers' Union.

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Sealed proposals will be received at Topska by the Board of Trustees of the State Charitable Institutions until 12 o'clock, August 13, 1897, for the furnishing and laying of cast-iron water supply pipe from the present standpipe east-orly to the sapply reservoir of the city of Olathe, in Johnson County, in the State of Kansas. The bids will be considered for all work and material complete.

This work is authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State Charitable Institutions under chapter 35 of the seasion laws of 1897.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of T. H. Lescher, State House architect, and also at the office of W. W. Rose, superintendent, at Kansas City, and also at the Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb at Olathe, Kansas.

Each separate proposal will be accompanied by a check to be certified by the president or cashier of the bank upon which it is drawn for a sum not less than 5 per cent. of the amount of said proposal, made payable to P. H. Dolan, Treasurer of the Board, and to be forfeited to the State of Kansas for damages sustained in case the bidder fails for five days to enter into contract for the work bid noon, and to give a satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of the contract in case award is made to him.

The attention of bidders is called to chapter 14, session laws, State of Kansas, 1891, in relation to eight hours constituting a day's work. Blank form of bids will be furnished to those requesting them. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids to be scaled and addrawed to W. L. Brown, President of the Board of Trustees.

Bids to be scaled and addressed to W. L. Brown, President of the Board of Trustees State Charitable Institutions, Topeka, Kansas, and be marked "Proposal for public work at Olathe."

Secretary Board of Prustees State Charitable Institutions.

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### PROPOSAL.

Sealed proposals will be received at Topska by the Board of Trustees of the State Charitable Institutions until 12 o'clock, August 1; 1867, for the erection and completion of a building for the accommodation of idiotic and imbecile youth at Winfield, Cowley County, in the State of Kansas. The bids will be considered for all work and material complete, except heating.

This work is authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State Charitable Institutions under chapter 28, sections 2 and 3, of the session laws of 1897.

Plans and specifications may be seen on and after August 1, 1807, at the office of T. H. Lescher, State House architect, and also at the office of W. W. Rose, superintendent, at Kansas City, and also at the Institution for idiotic and Imbecile Youth at Winfield, Kansas.

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This work is authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State Charitable Institutions under chapter 38 of the session laws of 1897.

Plans and specifications may be seen on and after August 1, 1897, at the office of T. H. Lescher, State Architect, and also at the office of W. W. Rose, architect, kansas City.

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